darkhast to the residents of the village in which the lands are situated;

(*b*) whether it has come to their notice that under this order lands would not be available to many Harijans;

(*c*) whether they would exempt the Harijan *darkhastdars* from the the Harijan darkhastdars from the application of this order?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) No such orders have been passed.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಕೋಲಾರ ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟಿನ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಆಫೀಸಿನಲ್ಲೂ ದರಖಾಸ್ತು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಜಾಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಹಾಗೆ ಬಂದರೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅಂಥ ನಿದರ್ಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದರೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Stock position of Foodgrains.

Q.—197. Sri G. SIVAPPA (Holalkere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the present stock position of foodgrains in the State;

(*b*) what measures they would adopt to abate a slump in prices of foodgrains;

(*c*) whether they are thinking of fixing minimum procurement prices for ragi and jola?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) As on 2nd January 1954.—

	Pallas.
Paddy ..	2,11,144
Rice ..	1,32,123
Ragi ..	26,023
Jola and Milo ..	93,348
Wheat ..	54,580
Wheat Products	**519 bags.**

(*b*) Government have already taken action to guarantee to the grower certain minimum prices for paddy which are considered equitable and reasonable in the present circumstances and to purchase paddy voluntarily surrendered to Government at those rates.

(*c*) No.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—I want to know the arrangements that Government have made to purchase paddy.

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have opened Government Purchase depots in several places.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Are they working satisfactorily?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Have you opened any depot in Chitaldrug District?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, in some places.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—How is the offtake in the Government depots now?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Not very much.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—How do you like to dispose of the stock you have now?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will dispose it of so as not to cause any loss to Government.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—Is it a fact that Government are exporting rice to Tranvancore-Cochin?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There is no export question.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—You have so much stock that you are exporting to Travancore-Cochin.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is not a question of export. On the advice of Government of India, any surplus stock we have will be released to some other State which is in need of it.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—How much is the voluntary surrender?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It has come up to 1,40,642 pallas.

Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA.—What is the stock of paddy and jola in the State of Mysore?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—What steps Government propose to take to stabilise the prices of millets?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Member to a passage in the Five-Year Plan wherein the Planning Commission also envisages that there should be stability of prices for the agricultural commodities.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—I want to know what steps Government of Mysore desire to take to stabilise the prices of foodgrains in Mysore State?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That question has not yet prominently arisen. The open market price is quite favourable to the agriculturist. Only when the question arises Government will consider it.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—When Government issued procurement prices for paddy, why did they not fix voluntary procurement price for millet?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Government wanted to experiment and find out how this would work and it was much easier to assess the result so far as paddy is concerned. So far as ragi and jola are concerned, that question has not prominently arisen. Government may consider that question also when it comes up before them.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the agriculturists grow millets and only $\frac{1}{4}$ grow paddy?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—It is true.

Sri MULKA GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it not a fact that navane is sold at Rs. 15 per bag?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Navane is a very minor millet.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If you see the list, even in the previous year there was no procurement of this millet.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Purchase depots in Shikarpur, Thirthahalli are not functioning properly; has it come to your notice?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will examine.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is there any Press report—report in 'Prajavani'?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have got a report from the Director of Food Supplies stating that all available steps are taken.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Will the Government draw the attention of the Deputy Commissioner to the report in the Press?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, they will be instructed.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Has any grain been lent to any Government outside)?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have. At the instance of Government of India we have given 20,000 tons of rice to Travancore-Cochin with a condition that if we need it, it will have to be returned. It is not settled whether it should be outright sale or loan.

Applications for pump sets in Malur Taluk.

Q.—9. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of applications received for rural electrification and irrigation pump sets in Malur Taluk in the last two years;

(*b*) the number sanctioned so far;

(*c*) the reasons for not sanctioning others;

(*d*) whether they have been following any definite policy in the matter of rural electrification and supply of irrigation pumps through electricity?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*)	Rural Electrification ..	12
	Irrigation Pump Sets ..	66
(*b*)	Rural Electrification ..	1
	Irrigation Pump Sets ..	20